THATBIG P.R.R.DEAL,

Mysterious Mr. Welsh Has Bought Big Slices

INCHERRYANDOAKALEEYS

The Gossip on the New Road is Very Lively.

A TOUR OF THE PROPOSED ROUTE

In the face of iterated and reiterated de-nials of the soft impeachment that the Pennsylvania Railroad was indulging in a pricinant for the acquirement of Cherry falley property for the use and roadway of a line of local tracks to tap the heart of the city, comes a series of deductions drawn from more or less inchoate "deals" in the Cherry alley region. All of which are taken by those who watch such things, to be an indication that the Pennsylvania Railroad desires to save its loyal local patrons the weary matutinal and necturnal trudging from and to the Union depot.

At present, since the avalanche of rumors without a shred of fact has commenced to flow, an actual realty transaction that can be presented with names, figures and probable motives, must be welcomed as an oasisa sort of a flowers-that-bloom-in-the-spring, or a chunk of manna from a clear sky. PRESTO! A FACT COMES FORTE.

At least a fact has dropped in. The Oak alley church property, which fronts 144 feet on Oak alley, 120 feet on Cherry alley, and 165 feet on the rear line of Reed's church, has been purchased by J. Lawber Welsh, of Philadelphia, for \$79,000. Rumor had it that the well-known firm of Black & Baird acted as intermediaries in the transaction. A DISPATCH reporter sought out Mr. Black, who, with his usual courtesy, said

that the sale had indeed been made by the firm for the amount stated, Mr. Biack, however, curtailed further chance of infor-mation by saying that while he could be much more explicit, his business obligations rendered it expedient for him to discuss the matter no further.
"Has the deed been filed, Mr. Black?"

"It had not up to 4 o'clock to-day," was the laconic answer. THE RECORD-WHERE WAS IT?

At the County Recorder's office an official was asked if a \$79,000 deed in the Oak Alley Church matter had been filed by J. Lawber Smith. Lawber Smith.

"Welsh, you mean. J. Lawber Welsh?
No, the deed has not been filed, but we think that the sale has been made. They know something about it at the City Engineer's

office, but I think the deed is being withheld from record." To the City Engineer's office scurried the reporter. Chief Bigelow, of the Department of Public Works, was saked if he knew of any transfer having recently been made of the Oak Alley Church property to two directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He said he had heard or read of the matter,

but declined to state whether he knew o such having been the case. His smile and mild denial were as full of meaning as the celebrated headshake of Lord Burleigh, which might mean anything or express any emotion from excessive joy to intense de

MYSTERIOUS J. LOWBER WELSH.

The original information as to J. Lowber Weish was that he was and is a director in the Pennsylvania Railroad, and that when the Pennsylvania kairroad, and that when he got his little property socretions all ar-ranged a large transfer to the greatest rail-road on earth would be the next step. Mr. Thomas Watt was seen and said that J. Lowber Welsh and a gentleman named Stackhouse had recently been in Pittaburg on an errand connected with Pennsylvania Railroad matters. The positive statement of a local realty

oker that Mr. Welsh was a director in the Pennsylvania Railroad and was en-abling officials thereby to split hairs concerning local purchases, was shown Mr. Robert Pitcairn last evening. He was asked if he knew aught about the Oak Alley Church deal or the purchase. Mr. Pitcaira said he knew nothing of either "deal" or "dealer." Furthermore, he knew of ne one having the high-sounding patronymic of "J, Lowber Welsh," and that the gentleman who parted his name in the middle was not a Penn-sylvania Railroad director. A Mr. Welsh was a director fast enough. As for Mr. Stackbouse, his name recalled oblivion. Mr. Pitcairn said that he was the purchasing agent of the P. R. R., and if anything was being bought around here he would be apt to buy it. He said with great positiveness that the current rumors were absurd, and that the big deal reported to be engaging the attention of sundry B. & O. officials and the road, was also absurd. Mr. Pitcain was very positive, indeed.

A railroad authority was quite emphatic a his declaration that Mr. J. Lowber Welsh was a heavy stockholder in the P R. R. Se with the assured fact that whoever he may be, Mr. Welsh laid down 79, 600 cool dollars, and definite statements that Welsh was and was not adirector in the P. R. R., the reporter went on with the

IS MR. ELIAS HOWE A MYTH?

When asked what benign influence Mr. J. Lowber Welsh had exerted upon his finances, Mr. E. W. Hagan replied with as much asperity as if Mr. McGinty had been broached as a topic of conversation. He said it was true that he had sold his 40x120 feet fronting on Sixth street, for \$52,000 very recently, but that Mr. Elias Howe was the purchaser, through Messrs. Black & Baird. Mr. Hagan said he had got his price, and had therefore ceased to be interested in the property. This is the only information about Mr. Eliza Howe known up to date; viz: That he had at one time \$52,000, and that Mr. E. W. Hagan has the ency now, while Mr. Howe has the prop-

There was nothing for it but to make a vigorous effort to find out, all along the line, just what was being done. An actual canvans of every front foot of the side of Cherry alley said to be desired was made by a corps of DISPATCH reporters last night. The tour panned out very nicely and previous deductions were corroborated what a lawyer would denominate bear

MR. JACKSON KNEW OF IT.

Commencing at the Liberty street end of the route, Mr. I. Jackson, the clothier, was the first person encountered who seemed to know anything about the deal. Although Saturday evening is a busy one at this season of the year, especially with mer-chants in Mr. Jackson's line of business, he readily consented to devote half an hour to telling what he knew of the scheme and what he believed it would amount to in the

His story was about as follows: "The property of the First Reformed Presbyterian, or Oak Alley, Church has been purchased by the real estate agents, Mesgrs. Black & Baird, for a Philadelphia party named Welsh.—J. Lowber Welsh, I believe his name is-for a consideration of \$80,000 his name is—for a consideration of \$89,000 or \$80,000. This property fronts as follows: One hundred and forty-four feet on Oak alley, 120 feet on Cherry alley, 165 feet on the rear, next to the First U. P. Church property. I own the land on which my store is located, and would not sell for any amount of money less than triple the

ual value of my property.

RAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED.

feet square, which the church people had promised to reserve for me, but the pur-chasers refused to take the church property unless they got that piece of land, saying that they were not buying pieces, but the whole of every piece of property which they wanted. I do not believe that they intend to tunnel to Fifth avenue as has been ramored, because they could run down on an elevated road at comparatively no expense. They will havely be allowed to run through the could be allowed to run through the run through through the run through the run through the run through the run through through through the run through through the run through through the run through through through through the run through through through through through the run through through on grade. I do not believe the citizens would stand such an imposition, it it could be called such. Opposite the church property on Oak alley is the building owned by

Robert Gregg, which has not yet been sold. I should not be surprised if the Pennsylvania Railroad people should build an immense depot either on Liberty street or on the site of the Smithfield M. E. Church." Across Cherry alley from the First Presbyterian Church the entire strip of property from Oak alley to Seventh avenue is owned by the Schenley estate.

BIG MONEY WANTED. The First United Presbyterian Church holds down the northwest corner of Seventh avenue and Cherry alley, and the church avenue and Cherry alley, and the church property extends back to the First Presbyterian property. It is understood that the trustees will take \$150,000 for this piece of real estate if they cannot get the railroad people to yield any more. Continuing on down Cherry alley over ash barrels, broken drygoods boxes, dilapidated wagons, through mud, water and a pack of hungry mongrels. The DISPATON representative reached Seventh avenue, and, crossing that thoroughfart, entered Schmidt's saloon at the corner of Seventh avenue and Cherry alley.

Mr. Schmidt was in a happy frame of Mr. Schmidt was in a happy frame mind and while he kept an eye on the thirsty crowd which was lined up in front of the bar, anxious to get a glass of beer before commencing their Sunday devotions,

SOLD SEVERAL TIMES.

"Yes, this property has been sold; in fact it has been sold twice within the past six weeks. It is owned by a Mrs. Cooper, who through Black & Baird, sold it first to A. B. Mahood, for \$32,000, who subsequently kicked on the title, and it was then sold to Philadelphia parties, who I understand represent the Pennsylvania Railroad, for \$34,000." Mr. Schmidt was greatly puzzled as to why the Peonsylvania Railroad should spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in getting an opening to the heart of the city down Cherry alley when it has the right of way down Liberty street, and he thinks that the company would have been ahead if they had purchased the property bounded by Sixth street. chased the property bounded by Sixth street,
Liberty street, Virgin alley and the Hotel
Anderson, and put up a depot adequate to
the needs of the passenger travel of this city,
and of a design and appearance due to such a city as Pittsburg.

ONCE MORE IN THE WILDS. Leaving Mr. Schmidt's presence THE DISPATCH man charged once more into the wilds of Cherry alley, and at the corner of Cherry and Strawberry alleys found a broken-down gentleman of fortune communing with a lamppost, from the top of which a few uncertain rays cast a ghoulish light on the surrounding habitations.

From the relic of past greatness it was

learned that the property on the north side of Cherry alley from Strawberry alley back to the property recently owned by Mrs. Cooper and now occupied by Mr. Schmidt as an oasis, was owned by a gentleman named Means, who insisted on his pound of flesh from the railroad magnates, and is holding out for the long green.

IN FORMATION EXTRACTED.

U. P., and dey own two houses dis side but dey can't sell it, because ye see pard, de earth was given dem pious purposes only, but dey can rent it out fur 99 years or longer if wat I heard is right. Ye see, ole man, dey can talk 'bout dis, dat or de udder ting, but tell ye when

dese monops go into a ting dey generally git dere, see."

· SOME MORE INFORMATION. Crossing Sixth avenue the news searcher

MR. SANDS' HOLDING. The property on the north side of Cherry alley, from Virgin alley half way to Fifth alley, from Virgin alley half way to Fifth avenue, is owned by a gentleman named Sands, who resides in Sewickley, but it was not known that the property had been sold. Between the Sands property and the Hotel Duquesne property on Virgin alley the real estate is the possession of the Avery M. E. Church over which Mrs. Swice or Maraglia preserved. over which Mrs. Swigo, or Maraglia presides. She also owns property immediately opposite Virgin alley, which she said she recently sold, but for so small an amount that she was ashamed to mention it. "Me knowa de railroad wanta, no getta de prop," was

the way she expressed her mind. STRIKING A BALANCE. Reverting to the original informant who appears to have had a clever idea of what he was discoursing upon, the road which will-with all due and a few undue provisos —traverse the heart of two long blocks to a vicinage close enough to make faces at Uncle Sam's habitat across the street, may be an elevated, a grade or an underground arrangement. Recognizing the manifest impossibility of the road being any more than one style of the three methods ac-cepted, it is clearly a case of "you pays your

oney and takes your choice."

The original rumors were of an elevated. road; the rumors of the present are of de-pressed tracks. Now it must strike the average observer that it would be a good dea to split the difference and put tracks on grade. There has been such a vast amount of curbstone engineering in connec-tion with the whole scheme that the engi-neers of the Pennsylvania road may find themselves thoroughly in the way and in-cumbrances upon the face of the earth.

SUGGESTIONS GRATIS.

It is not a superserviceable way in which real estate man, who wouldn't know a theodolite from a camp chair, arranged the scheme of an underground road to his own satisfaction in a few words. Be said the tracks could commence depression near the Washington street bridge and easily drop into a tunnel under Seventh avenue, and to Sixth avenue; under it and by a slight curve provided by the Hagan property, around the end of the Hotel Duquesne, and so on down to a stop within a few feet of Pittsburg's busiest arteries of traffic; all this with the proviso that the Splane heirs sell their corner. There were big rumors affect of \$350,000 and \$400,000 demanded, but one of the Splane heirs met a DISPATCH emis on the street last night and said if there were any offers making he had not heard of

The chances of the scheme being talked to death by the irrepressible sidewalk railroad magnates are considered good, even if the newspapers had decided to refrain from participation in railroad and depot building

"I have not been approached by anyone and do not believe that the railroad company covers my land. Immediately in the rear of my store is a plot of land about 20 street, Pittsburg, Pa.

DR. B. M. HANNA. Eye, ear, nose and throat diseases exclusively. Office, 718 Penn sees of the property of the proper

THE SUBURBAN P. O'S

Radical Changes Expected Under the Management of Mr. McKean.

APPLICANTS FOR THE EAST END. One Paverite Candidate Said to be Backed

by the Americus Club.

The announcement of Will S. Jones candidacy for the Southside postmastership in yesterday's DISPATCH, has brought out nearly a dozen candidates for the position at the other stations-Lawrenceville and East End. A tour of investigation was made of these stations for the purpose of laying before the public their importance and usefulness in the communities in which they

are located. Seven years ago three carriers covered the entire East End district, delivering the mail from the city office. One delivery was made daily through the resident portion of the East End and the business portion received two deliveries. The East End was then a sub-station. The next addition to the force was a carrier who took the mail to the East End, and those stationed at that branch delivered it. During the last year of Postmaster McCleary's term, he made it a full-fledged office with all the facilities of a first-class postoffice. The business has increased to such an extent that 13 carriers are now employed and four or five deliveries

are made daily.

This brief description of the growth and district apdevelopment of the East End district applies to the other branches. The usefulness of these branch offices is hard to estimate. In the first place, their existence is demanded by the peeds of the districts in which they have been established, and especially the business portions.

LESS HOURS OF WORK.

They have also made it possible to put the eight-hour system iuto practical use. Formerly the carriers consumed considerable time riding to and from their routes, and as time riding to and from their routes, and as a consequence, were on duty 10 to 13 hours. These branches afford accommodations to the public that otherwise could not be had without coming to the city office, and that to the people of the outlying districts would be an inconvenience hard to bear in these progressing times. The combined business transacted at the three stations will amount to over \$125,000 three stations will amount to over \$125,000

for the present year.

As stated yesterday, the Southside station is the most important one and does the largest business. The East End station is the oldest one, being established for five years. Four years ago Postmaster Larkin placed J. W. Wallace in charge of the office. Now that a successor to Mr. Larkin has been appointed it is only natural to suppose that there will also be a change in the superintendency of the various stations. Mr. Wallace; said yesterday he was unacquainted with Mr. McKean, and would not

ask to be retained in the position.

There are at least three applicants for Mr. Wallace's place, and more are spoken of. The candidates so far are Henry Shaler, John P. Schaeter, Wm. Doak, Mrs. Mary Fulton and Geo. P. Shane. All of the ap-With the promise of the price of a bowl of milk, the wrecked hulk further stated that half the property between Strawberry alley and Sixth avenue was owned by i Mrs. Mullins, a Mrs. Helfers, and some one else whose name he could not recall at that moment, who had 20 feet frontage.

The two ladies, he said, had disposed of their property recently: "But dis udder party is waitin fur more cases, an" will block dem blokes' game unless dey put up more cases. Yer see dat gospel shop." Continued the relic, "well dats de Second U. P., and dey own two houses dis side but

PROBABLY THE LUCKY ONE. Mr. Doak is Second Lieutenant of Com pany G, Eighteenth Regiment, was formerly with the New York and Cleveland Coal Gas Company, and is a prominent member of the Americus Club. His appointment in the East End district is almost a certainty, as he is backed by the Americus Club, of which Mr. McKean is Second Vice Presi-

The Lawrenceville people owe their post-Crossing Sixth avenue the news searcher was soon picking his way through the muddy precincts of Virgin alley, and at one corner of Cherry and Virgin alleys met a handsome young woman with a babe in her arms, who seemed to be acquainted in the locality. When she learned the object of The Dispatch representative she cheerfully disclosed all the information she possessed on the matter.

The property on the north side of Cherry alley, from Sixth avenue to Virgin alley, she said, is owned by a Mrs. Walters, of Allegheny, and it was the impression among the tenants and denizens of the locality, that the property had recently been sold.

MB. SANDS' HOLDING. office to the personal efforts of Samuel F. of the city lying between Twenty-ninth street and the Sharpsburg bridge, and from the Allegheny river to the Penusylvania. Railroad. Ten carriers are employed and the business done is very large. The office is located in a business district and several deliveries are made daily.

ANXIOUS ASPIRANTS.

Those who are aspiring for the place to be made vacant by Mr. Patterson's retirement, are Robert Hill, the wall paper dealer. John Philpot, the grocer and W. C. Brown, the stone cutter. The candidates are getting all the signers they can to their respective petitions, and will bring every influence to secure their appointment. Mr. Hill seems to have the lead, however, and will likely be the lucky one.

There is nothing new in the race for the Southside postmastership. Mr. Jones seems to be having things his own way, and will land a winner. One of Mr. McKean's friends stated last night that the new postmaster would probably assume the duties of his office about January 20, and the appointments for the outside districts will fol-ANXIOUS ASPIRANTS.

tments for the outside districts will folow shortly after.

Superintendent of Mails Stephen Collins said last night that Oakland would get the next station. The people of that locality want a station established there very badly. The place is growing rapidly in every way, and the need for an office is becoming very apparent even to the postoffice officials.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Some Who Travel, Some Who De Not, and Others Who Talk.

-D. Iseman, of Washington, Pa. written upon the register of the Seventh Avewritten upon the register of the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday forenoon. Mr. Iseman was, for several years, an oil driller in Russia, where he brought in many wells, but accumulated no great amount of wealth. He came to the United States a few years ago, went into business for himself and made a fortune in this State.

-Thomas J. Stewart, of Norristown, the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, came to the city yesterday afternoon and put up at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. He was here to attend and inspect Post 188 in Allegheny last night. He departs for home this morning.

-Mrs. John S. Havs and daughter, Miss Stells Hays, of Hays station, and Mrs. G. W. Jones and son, Thomas Jones, who have been in the East during the greater part of the summer and fall, returned to Pittsburg yesterday noon, and are at the Hotel Anderson. -Mr. Richard Howe, of New Brighton,

who has been lying dangerously ill at No. 68, Locust street, this city, is pronounced conva-lescent by his doctors. -Harry J. Wenke, of the Southside, has been elected collector of the Mouongahela Water Company, vice Daniel Berg, resigned. -Cadet Mark Gusky, of the Pennsylva-nia Military Academy, at Chester, Pa., is home for the holidays.

-Miss Gertrude Wakefield, of Latrobe, was in the city yesterday, buying pretty things -Mrs. K. Solomon and family are visiting friends and relatives in St. Louis, Mo.

-Attorney George W. Acklin, of Grant street, is in Uniontown on business. -Major Joseph G. Beale, of Leechburg,

ON THE OTHER FOOT.

The Fidelity Title and Trust Company, as Assignee, Proposes to Make Debtors of the Lawrence Bank Hustle.

A ray of light is at last to be spread over the downcast features of the unfortunate depositors of the Lawrence Bank, though the light will no doubt show a correspondng shadow upon certain others.

That there will be a noticeable amount of push and energy thrown into the settlemen of the bank's affairs, is shown by the following blanks printed and to be issued to-mor-row, when a large sized hustle will no doubt OAKLAND TO GET THE NEXT BRANCH ensue among the debtors, instead of the creditors of the defunct institution.

OFFICE OF FIDELITY TITLE
AND TRUST COMPANY,
PITTSBURG, PA., December —, 1889.

You are indebted to the Lawrence Bank as drawer (inderser) on a note for \$\(-\), due \(-\), 1889, and uppaid. Your immediate attention to this matter is desired, as we wish to have appraisement at an early date.

FIDELITY TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY,

The following also looks like business:

OFFICE OF FIDELITY TITLE, AND TRUST COMPANY PITTSBURG, PA., December —, 1888. Your account appears to be overdrawn ton the books of the Lawrence Bank. Please leave your book for balance and make provision for settling the account as we wish to have an appraisement made at an early day.

FIDELITY TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY,

Assignee of Lawrence Bank.

ABOUT THE COAL BUSINESS.

Colonel Shinn Said to Want an Extension of Time-Strikes Expensive Affairs. A prominent railroad coal operator, speak-

ing yesterday about the prospects of the coal deal materializing, said: "I have been told that Colonel W. P. Shinn's object in conferring yesterday with committee of the river men was to induce them to agree to a further option until the 1st of July, but without any monetary con-

ditions being attached. "The Colonel has much to gain by successfully carrying through the negotiations, and, of course, he is putting torward a

and, of course, be is putting forward a strong endeavor to do so.

"If the 16 operators concerned in this deal had any grit they would come together, form a company, issue bonds, and control the trade. Plating all the concerns under one office management would materially cut down expenses; better prices could be maintained, and difficulties, such as those temporaries tided over which he merce could be maintained. porarily tided over, would be more easily dealt with. The larger operators conceded their miners their demand, not because they can any better afford to pay the price, but because they would not allow the smaller men to profit by their inactivity and reap a emporary benefit from the cessation of any extensive shipping. In a very short time there will be another glut in the lower markets and the usual cut throat business will be continued. So much jealousy exists between the different concerns that the probability of any federation of the various interests is remote, but every one concedes that in such a scheme lies the only hope of making the coal business yield adequate returns for the capital invested. I tell you that operators will ship many thousand bushels of coal this season before they will recoup them-selves for their expenses during the idle neives for their expenses untured time. With captains and crews' salaries running on all the time, landing expenses, running on the craft and office the cost of keeping up the craft and office charges, it will take some time to get back the unprofitable outlay of the past two months."

FROM THE OIL COUNTRY.

Two McKenn County Men Visiting Their Friends in This City. Two good specimens of the men from oil country have been in the city for two days, on business and for the purpose of buying Christmas presents. One of them is William B. Clark, the Sheriff of McKean county. He is a straight, handsome man, with the look of a soldier, and his face is praced by a military mustache and Riverside penitentiary, and took the oppor-tunity to look about the city with his friend. Mr. J. C. Fox, the proprietor of the St. James Hotel, at Bradford. Mr. Fox is a little taller than the Sheriff, but to decide which is the handsomer man it would be necessary to cast lots. The hotel owner wears long, black side whiskers, as silken and carefully combed as a woman's tresses. The gentlemen spent many pleasant hours with their numerous oil friends, visited the theaters, looked through the big stores, and left for home yesterday, voting Pittsburg a capital city.

THE NOMINATIONS MADE.

The Members of the Oil Exchange Name

Their Favorites. The stockholders of the Oil Exchange met vesterday immediately after the close of the oil market at noon to make nominations for officers for the year commencing January 2. President John R. McKee, Jr., presided, and before the business of the presided, and before the business of the in a Soho "speak-easy," is improving, and meeting had been commenced he stated that his physician said last night he was on the he would not, under any circumstances, accept the position for another year. The following was the result of the meeting: following was the result of the meeting:

President, James S. McKelvey; First Vice
President, B. F. Arensburg; Second Vice President,
A. A. Adams and S. S. Pinkerton; Treasurer, H. W. Hagan, John B. Barbour; Directors,
S. K. Harris, J. C. Force, George Hurd, M. L.
Jenkins, J. K. Kuhn, N. W. Stevenson, J. R.
McKee, Jr., W. I. alustin, R. J. Stoney, Jr., A.
J. Lawrence, J. J. Campbell, C. Kuhn, S. Fritz,
W. S. Badger, H. E. Wilson; Arbitration Considered R. H. Robinson, F. P. Smith, R. J.
Hunt, S. Fritz, James Carothers, Frank Pollock, J. O. Morris.

The election will be held on the first busi-The election will be held on the first busi-

ess day of the new year, January 2.

THE LAST CARGO.

Superintendent Malone Receives Importa News From Washington. It was not a long letter, but it was consid red a notable one, which Superintendent Malone received yesterday from Washington, from the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, informing him, in so many words, that the last cargo of stone for the Federal building in this city had been shipped from the quarries at East Blue Hill. Me., by the schooner Grace K. Green, for Baltimore. It will be necessary to obtain odd stones hereafter to replace some which have been broken or chipped in passage, but they will be sent by rail. Work, during the fine weather, is being pushed by night as well as by day. The night men, in placing stone, use lanterns and torches. placing stone, use lanterns and torches. The dormers on the upper story are being set and the structure begins to reveal its

Mr. Hamilton Will Help. Superintendent Hamilton, of the Allegheny parks will assist in the arrangement of the Pittsburg park. Mr. Hamilton has visited every park in the country and knows about as much as can be learned about parks. He will be able to give some good suggestions in the matter.

Business Not Pleasure. The Baltimore and Ohio Bailroad is to extend the McKeesport depot 200 feet Mc Keesporters are mourning because the grounds to be occupied by the railroad have

been used for park purposes. A young lady, high in social circles in this city, has just broken her engagement because her intended, who promised to buy her a musical box, refused to go to Gallin ner a musical box, related by it. The your lady claims that their stock, consisting consistant boxes, guitars, mandolins, violing accordions, concertinas, banjos, etc., is the accordions, concertinas, banjos, etc., is the largest and finest in the city; also their line POLICIAL INCIDENTS

Emporiums.

ing the detail of officers in plain clothes and

SOME SPECIMEN CRIMINALS.

the fith of Second avenue, Officer John

Roach last night led in a man to Central

station who was in a somewhat similar con-

dition. The prisoner gave his name as John

Cairns, from Chicago, Ill., but was recog-

nized as John, alias "Cooky," Roberts, who

has often figured in the police station, and who was supposed to be more or less impli-cated in the shooting of Mrs. Jones at Tur-

ner Hall, for which ex-Officer Jones is now

serving a term in the penitentiary.

Roberts, about 7:30 P. M., got into a

quarrel with a colored man near 251 Second

avenue, and chased him into the alley in

the rear of the house with a hatchet. Officer

Roach, hearing the disturbance, went into

Roach, hearing the disturbance, went into the alley to arrest both men, but Roberts turned on the officer and attacked him with the hatchet. The officer defended himself, and taking the hatchet from Roberts, threw it away. The latter then drew a knife and attempted to stab Roach, who knocked him down several times with his mace, and notwith-tending a reinforcement of normal 150 tending.

standing a reinforcement of some 150 toughs from the neighborhood, took his man to the

wagon and the station house.

The officer's clothes were badly torn and

THE SHOPLIFTERS.

age, and they will have an opportunity of explaining the same this morning.

Daniel Connors, who hails from New York, has a taste for bullion which he gratified at the expense of J. E. Reid, the

Market street optician on Friday night. He took several pairs of gold-rimmed eye-glasses, and spectacles, with the chains attached to the former, subjected them to

A CONSCIENTIOUS THIEF.

offense by several years in some place of

atonement, but may get off easier.

Another gentleman whose conscience has not yet troubled him to any large extent, walked into Joseph Eichbaum's stationery

panion. The one started to chat with the

other sampled bills of a more inviting de-

scription to the extent of \$235. The police

are waiting for the consciences of the two gentlemen to prompt their surrender. James Lane, who has been lying at his

ome on Soho street, for the past two weeks,

in a critical condition from being stabbed in

the right side by a man named Hugh Doyle,

road to recovery.

Inspector McKelvey and Special Officer

Carrigan last evening arrested four men charged with being the persons who robbed the grocery store of Adam Appel, in the Southside Diamond, yesterday morning. The men were found in a stable in the act

of transferring eggs from crates to barrels.

When taken to the stationheuse, they gave the names of Edward Woods, Pat McTighe,

HOME TO MEADVILLE.

Senator Delamater, Family and Friends

Stop Briefly to the City.

the Hotel Duquesne yesterday forenoon.

State Senator G. W. Delamater dropped in

with a party of family friends and enjoyed

room. He was going home with his

daughter, Miss Susie, who leaves school to

enjoy the Christmas season with her family and friends in their Crawford county home.

The members of the party were: Senator Delamater and daughter, Mrs. G. B. Dela-mater, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walker, Mr. B.

G. Cullinan and sister, and Miss Ethel Church, of Meadville, and Mr. G. G. Templeton, of Greenville. The party left at 1 o'clock for the north.

DR. GROSE WILL ACCEPT.

He Will Become President of the University

of South Dakota.

The Rev. Howard B. Grose, of the Fourth

intention of accepting the Presidency of the

With the exception of ex-Mayor Seth Low, the new President of Columbia Col-

lege, Mr. Grose is the youngest college President in the United States. Mr. Low is 35 and Mr. Grose 38 years of age. He is an indefatigable worker, a ripe student and in mental equipment and general qualifica-tions admirably calculated to fill the posi-

SOUTHSIDE COLLABORATORS.

Dr. Wood and Prof. Keller Join in a Work

of Marked Excellence.

Dr. E. A. Wood, of the Southside

Author of the "Lion of Peru," has published a cantata entitled "Lady Estmere." The music is by Prof. Edward Kellor, also

Dr. Wood is making for himself quite a reputation as an author. He has written a number of works of fiction, as well as a heat of poetic gems. Prof. Keller's music is surprisingly striking and original.

GREAT fall in prices of silk mufflers. BUSY BEE HIVE, Sixth and Liberty.

State University of South Dakots.

a fine little spread in the upstairs din

There was a pleasant breaktast party at

Joseph Grabe and Dennis Powers.

store on Friday afternoon, with a c

sided over by Inspector McAleese.

Mary Holmes, aged 34, and Lizzie Flinn

several charges.

uing special injunctions of vigilance upon

Dripping with blood and incrusted with

day season.

the entire force.

The Robison Family Come Out Strong in A Movement to Gra Reminiscences-A Nice Little Family Farty at Newell's. Cooky Roberts Slugs a Copper With a Hatchet.

DESPERATE FIGHT BRAVELY WON

1869 from Butler to Richburg; William C. Robison, Mayor of Monongahela City; Charles W. Robison, Assemblyman from Allegheny, and the nucle of the three gen-Christmas Shoplifters Working the Big tlemen just named, who, by the way, are A THIEF WHO HAS A CONSCIENCE

EARLY OIL DAYS.

brothers, Quincy Robison.

It was the first time the quartet had met for years, and good cheer and fellowship reigned supreme, while wit's electric flame dispelled thoughts of the day and its dull care. As naturally happens to friends who have not met for years, they were in a reminiscent mood, and Quincy Robison related an incident of the early history of the oil regions whom may eight the children of The number of people on the streets last night was unprecedented even for a Satnrday, which is explained by the police authorities by the fact that business has been good all the year and work plenty, so the present generation a vague idea of the magnitude of the transactions which took place when oil was \$5 and \$9 a barrel, and the general public has money to spend in presents, which will be numerous this holi-The crowds, have, of course, attracted poor people gained a competency by scoop-ing it off the surface of creeks or gathered it from pools around the tanks which had overflowed. The story as told by Mr. Robilarge numbers of crooks, but Inspector Mc-Aleese has made a counter move by increas-

son was as follows:
"Within a month after Colonel Drake had struck the first petroleum ever brought to the surface in America by means of drilling, my father and the father of my relative here bought a tract of land, comprising 1,280 acres, adjoining the farm on which the Drake well was located for \$350,000 the Drake well was located for \$350,000. Not long afterward I was sitting in their office one day—I remember it as distinctly asthough it happened only yesterday—when an agent for an Eastern syndicate walked in and offered \$500,000 for the 1,280 acres. The owners looked at him rather incredulously for a moment, but before they could speak he had counted out on the table \$500,000 in cash and drafts, which he offered for a deed of the tract. I was appalled by the sight of the pile, but my father and the father of these gentlemen retired for consultation, and decided that if the property was worth \$500,000 it was worth \$1,000,000, and the offer was refused. Their hairs still own the land, and now it is valued at about \$20,000. Where they could have gotten dollars we could scarcely get nickels. Thus you can see what seemingly fairy stories you can see what seemingly fairy stories could be told of those days. They are almost incomprehensible to the present generation, but they were redhot facts." And a sigh of regret that the offer had not been accepted went round the circle.

GHOST OF THE CRUSADE

Devoted Women in the Old Cause Reunit to Pray for Others.

his shield and whistle lost in the fight which he so gallantly made against long odds, but luckily retained his mace, of which he made good use. Once the The anniversary meeting to celebrate the beginning of the crusade movement in Ohio prisoner escaped and ran for Britton's house, from the porch of which he jumped, 16 years ago was held yesterday afternoon in the Smithfield Street M. E. Church. The attendance was limited to less than 100 the officer in close pursuit. Roberts turned down Brewery street and swore he would kill the officer if he followed, but the threat people, but the interest in the affair was in did not prevent the arrest. Information will be made against Roberts to-morrow on no wise lessened by that fact.

In the absence of Mrs. Spencer, the President of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. E. D. C. Mair presided. Mrs. Mair asked if there were any present who desired that prayers 30, were sampling goods in Danaiger's store yesterday afternoon when Officer Nick Bender took a hand in the proceedings and both ladies were landed in the Central station. They were laden with doll babies, small children's wear and a little reticule. The officers were surprised at the invenile should be said for a special purpose. Mrs.
J. N. Porter, president of the Swift Union,
requested that a prayer be offered for the
men who sell liquor, and Mrs. Mair therefore offered a fervent prayer for them.
Mrs. Dr. Collins, the first President of the
Construct W. C. T. U. followed in account. The officers were surprised at the juvenile tastes displayed by ladies of so mature an

County W. C. T. U., followed in prayer.

Mrs. Collins spoke briefly of the days when the women met in their old head-quarters at the corner of Penn avenue and Sixth street. Mrs. Finley Torrens, of the East End, was one of the original crusaders. She felt some tropidation at going into the work, but believed it was the work of the

NEW BANK AT THE FORKS.

Movement by Men of Wealth to Organize

attached to the former, subjected them to the same treatment Hubert was ordered to subject the little prince in the tower—put out their eyes—and mangled their remains, which were deliberately sold as old gold for some \$4. Officer Robert Robinson made the arrest, and Mr. Connors will probably remember his visit to Mr. Reid, during his visit to the penitentiary. New National Institution. Quite a stir was created in Lawrenceville yesterday by the announcement that a fine national bank would replace the Lawrence Bank. E. L. Clark, of Clark's Solar Iron Works, had a petition yesterday which he presented to many of the promi-nent business men of Lawrenceville to sub-West Virginia furnishes one of its anomalies to the Diamond Street Museum, pre-sided over by Inspector McAleese. His scribe to a capital stock amounting to \$200,000, with which a national bank was name is Henry Dueber, and he states that he to be organized. The enterprise is in the hands of H. C. Frick, W. H. and Edward stole a watch from a roommate in Wheeling a few weeks ago, but, actuated by remorse, he wished to give himself up, when he was kindly accommodated by Officer James Mul-vehill. He is now expecting to expiate his Park, of Park Bros., Thomas Mellon and

several others. The petition met with warm encourage ment in Lawrenceville and the citizens appealed to showed their appreciation in a practical way by subscribing. The new bank will be known as the Pennsylvania National Bank, and very probably will be situated on the site where the Lawrence Bank is now, though it will occupy more room and be a more handsome structure.
It is said upon good authority that an effort is being made, and will probably re-sult successfully, to have the Arsenal Bank, at Forty-third and Butler streets, moved to the Forks of the Road and incorporated with the new institution which is organized.

WEST PENN R R CHANGER Some Schedule Rendjustments Are Said t

be Imminent. Important changes are about to be made on the West Penn division of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Allegheny City and Blairsville intersection. Heretofore that line has been conducted simply for local business, without much relation to the time of trains on the main line.

According to the proposed schedule, the West Penn trains are to be run to connect with through trains going east from Alle-gheny and west from Blairsville intersection. The change will be a great conveni-ence to persons living on the line of the West Penn. It is reported that the com-pany intends to complete a double track all the way along the loop line to accomn the great pressure of freight traffic.

GIVEN TO HER HUSBAND. Mrs. Selgworth Taken From the Allegheny

Home to Kerrtows.

Major Hunker, Secretary of the Allegheny Poor Board, found the husband of the demented woman, Barbara Seigworth, yesterday, and she was taken from the Allegheny Major Hunker found that the woman's husband was a glassblower on the South-side. When he was told that his wife was crazy, he nearly fainted. She has always been of sound mind, and on last Monday h put her on a train for Kerrtown, her home, after she had visited him here for a few days. On the following day he got a letter from her. That was the last he heard of her until yesterday. He called at the Home and took her away, and proposes giving her Avenue Baptist Church, has signified his

THE WAREHOUSEMAN'S ASSEMBLY

Has Lost About 15 Members, but Continue as Heretofers. L. A. 7190, warehousemen, K. of L., met last night at headquarters. There were about 30 members present. The attendance

would have been larger but that owing to the busy season's good many were detained at work.

The meeting indersed the Master Work man's action at the last special meeting, and decided to retain its charter. The result of the whole McGaw reinstatement epi-sode is that some 15 or 20 members have withdrawn from the organization. The as-

sembly will continue as usual. Allegheny Bond Redemption. A special meeting of Allegheny Common Council has been called for Monday even ing next to consider the ordinance appro priating \$117,000 for the purpose of taking up bonds due on January 1, and any other business that may be necessary. WART A SOCIAL CLUB.

Pennsylvania Ballrond Clerks.

About 200 of the clerks and officials of Fifth avenue restaurant yesterday morning were Samuel D. Robison, of Tituaville, who has followed the oil dayslowed the

some of the office men of the Pennsylvania lines for the organization of a club. The object is to procure a club house where there will be such conveniences and amusements as may be found to be attainable, at the same time keeping the expenses as low as possible, in order not to make too great a burden on each member. It is thought that the club can be made a success with a mem-

the club can be made a success with a membership of 100 to 125, and that it should be limited to about that number.

Will you kindly advise one of the undersigned if you would be sufficiently interested in the project to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing, to be called for some convenient date and place? The object of this communication is to ascertain how many of the employes of the Pennsylvania lines will be likely to become members, and whether it is worth while to call a meeting. It is not desired that you should say, positive, in reply to this, that you will become a member, but only that you would be disposed to attend a meeting. Will you please reply promptly?

Several of the highest officials of the company are taking a prominent part in the movement. It is the intention to rent several rooms in the vicinity of the offices on Penn avenue. After the club gets fully under way, a house will be rented. The scheme is yet in its infancy; the circular is only a feeler to see how the clerks take to the club iden. If it is organized it will be fashioned after the first-class social clubs of this city.

of this city.

THE POSTMASTER BANQUETED. A Circle of Friends Rat, Drink and Make

The complimentary banquet to James S McKean, the newly appointed postmaster was given last night at the Hotel Duquesne The table was spread in the private banquet room on the second floor, and was prettily arranged with handsome service and fresh

arranged with handsome service and fresh flowers.

The following gentlemen sat down with Mr. McKean: Revenue Collector Samuel D. Warmcastle, Henry S. Paul, the president of the Americus Club, D. L. Gillespie, A. M. Voight, J. M. Walker, W. M. Gibbs, Dr. George Gladden, C. Trautmae, W. Lapeley, A. G. Roenigk, D. F. Collingwood, A. J. Logan, H. D. W. English, W. H. Keech, G. S. Houghton, John A. Reed, Charles A. Miller, T. M. Bigelow, Walter S. Lyon, the District Attorney, Mayor William McCallin and V. H. Brown.

After the dinner was served there were a number of speeches, entirely informal, Mr. Warmcastle acting as toastmaster.

PIANOS AND ORGANS AT SACRIFICE. Prices Before Removal to Pifth Avenue

At Henrick's Temple of Music.

Intending to occupy the remodeled room
79 Fifth avenue after January 1, and desiring to move as little stock as possible, prices
on new and second-hand instruments have
been reduced so that buyers can save from \$75 to \$150 on new pianos and from \$40 to \$75 on organs. New pianos for \$250, worth \$400; organs for \$75, worth \$100; second-hand pianos from \$40 to \$150, worth twice as much; second-hand organs worth \$35 to \$22

The stock embraces such celebrated makes as Chickering & Sons, Wheelock & Co., Hallet & Davis, Steinway & Sons, Knabe, Decker & Sons, Stuyvesaut and Demarest pianos and Farrand & Votey, Estey, Kimball, Wilcox & White, Shoninger and Burdett overs

dett organs.
Over 150 pianos and organs to select from, and buyers should come early to have the choice. Instruments selected for holiday presents will he set saide and delivered at desired time. Easy payments arranged. Store open until 9 o'clock evenings until January 1. Remember the place and call barly.

early. HENRICK'S TEMPLE OF MUSIC, Between Fifth ave. and Diamond st. 8,15,19,22

There will be counters upon counters of clothing sold on Monday and Tuesday, and we want to sell more during the next two days than any other house in Pittaburg. We

have marked prices that will draw the crowds. Monday we are open until 9 o'clock, and Tuesday until 11 o'clock evenings to accommodate our patrons. Be sure and call as the bargains are simply immense. \$10 overcoats and suits for men, such as you have never seen before, at that price. Ask to see the Daisy overcoat at \$10. Regular price for the Daisy is \$20 to \$22, ours is \$10. Also see the fine line of chinehilla and kersey overcoats at \$3 and \$10.

P. C. C. C., cor. Grant and Diamond sta., opp. the new Court House.

Turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens. The Elgin Butter and Cheese House is informed by letters and telegrams to be on the lookout Monday morning, first express, 7 o'clock, for turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens.

Another telegram reads: "Will find this one of the largest lot of turkeys ever known to have been shipped to Pittaburg; also, the very choicest lot, all drawn, heads and feet off." Third and last telegram reads: "Make it known in your city papers, for it "Make it known in your city papers, for it surely will be the largest shipment ever made." Call Monday and secure your Christmas turkeys, ducks, geese and chick-ens. Yours respectfully, John Fitte, 541 Liberty st., Pittsburg, Pa.

HOLIDAY TABLE DELICACIES.

Largest Line-Lowest Prices Better send for the Housekeeper's Guide; it will post you on everything in our line; also contains valuable information for all housekeepers. Store open till 9 p. m. until Christmas. Wm. HASLAGE & SON, 18 Diamond Square, Pittsburg.

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In gold, silver and natural stick handles from \$1 to \$10, at H. J. Lynch's, 438 and 440 Market st.

THE prettiest dolls at lowest prices at the Busy Bee Hive, Sixth and Liberty. No CHRISTMAS table should be without

bottle of Angostura Bitters. Heliday Goods at the Same Prices.

As usual, at Jas. McKeo's, Jeweler, you can same money. No. 420 Smithfield street, one door below Diamond street.

NOT QUITE A FOOTBALL.

Alderman Rellly Decides a School Boy fine Some Right on Earth.

The office of Alderman Reilly bore a torcible resemblance to a schoolroom at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the principals and witnesses in the case of Prin David F. McKee, of the Colfax School, Twenty-second ward, charged by H. R. Bentzel, a former director, with assault and oattery, gathered to aid in casting light on

he matter.

According to the allegations of the prose enter, Prof. McKee on November 25 saulted his 9-year-old son John in the sacholroom by throwing him into the sir, shaking him and knocking him down against a desk, thus braising his head. The statements of the children who testified were orroborative.
On the other hand, Prof. McKee and Min

On the other hand, Prof. McKee and Miss Kelly, the boy's teacher, as emphatically asserted that the boy had not received abusive treatment, but the Alderman decided that the chastisement was not such as is permissible under the law, and held Prof. McKee under bail for court.

If we don't do any better for you than anybody else does we can't expect the preference of your patronage. See the Christmas offerings to-morrow and next day.

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HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS. We have just made large additions to our stock of fine umbrellas for ladies, gentlemen and children.

Natural wood sticks, with metal and gold caps, \$1 50, \$1 75, \$2.

Extra fine natural sticks, with silver and gold mountings, at \$3 up to \$4, \$5 and \$6.

Fine natural sticks, with solid silver mountings, at \$5 to \$10.

These prices are lower than usual,

Children's fur sets in almost endless variety, Batin damask table cloths, with napkins to natch, in great variety of size, grade and price,

PINE PLUSH GARMENTS Offered at special low prices during the next two weeks. These are made from best grade of silk seal plush, elegant satin linings, correct styles, superior fit, finish and workmauship. SEAL WRAPS AND COATS.

We have still on hand some vary choice Alaska seal garments of the best English dye, in sizes from 3t to 45 inch bunt measure.

We offer you these, with a great variety of small furs, collars, capes, muffs, etc., at unusually low prices. HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS.

Our stock of handkerchiefs was never so large and never so cheap. We offer great variety in all linen, hemstitched and plain, at \$1.50 per dozen. Ladies' initial handkerchiefs much under value, \$1.50 per dozen. Silk handkerchiefs and mufflers in almost endless variety. FRENCH DRESS PATTERNS. We offer a large lot of extra fine ladies' dress combinations at greatly reduced prices. 360 robes for \$46. \$30 robes for \$18. \$20 robes for \$15. \$15 robes for \$11. These are choice new goods, and a chance

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